

TEACHERS ENTERTAINED BY LOCAL PEDAGOGUES

Garden Party and Band Concert Yesterday Delight Large Number of Visitors.

Victoria officials had adieu to the Provincial Teachers' Institute yesterday at the conclusion of the instructional sessions. It will be another four years before the city has another opportunity of welcoming the organization of educationalists, but sufficient was done to exhibit the hearty good will of the capital to the body of women and men entrusted with the upbringing of the youth of British Columbia.

Though the institute has closed, many of the teachers will remain here for their vacation. Full advantage has been taken of the stop-over privileges given by the railroads, and a number of the pedagogues are busily engaged in visiting various points of interest around the city.

Elaborate preparations were made to entertain the visiting teachers at the George park yesterday afternoon and evening. The weather, which had been splendid throughout the earlier part of the week, unfortunately became cloudy and, as the afternoon advanced, light showers fell from time to time, making the atmosphere rather cool for picnic clothes.

When evening arrived the weather became lovely, and the teachers, by the Fifth Regiment band attracted a large audience. Full illuminations glowed in every part of the park, and the visitors expressed the greatest satisfaction at the alfresco entertainment to be found nowhere else in British Columbia.

MINING DEALS.

B. C. Copper Company Adds to Its Holdings in Summit Camp.

For the last two or three months there has been a good deal of quiet work going on in different parts of the boundary. In the shape of securing bundles on the Denoro side, says the Phoenix Pioneer. The Pioneer announced one of these last week, whereby J. L. Martin secured some 20 claims here for G. B. Dennis, of Spokane, on behalf of a strong New York syndicate.

This week the British Columbia Copper Company closed two deals of more than passing importance, by which they will be able to add to the shipping facilities in large degree. One of these was the taking up of the option on the Oro Denoro, and the other was the acquisition of the B. C. mine, also in Summit camp.

Two or three months since the B. C. Copper Company took an option on the Oro Denoro from the Denoro Mines, Ltd., which was to be paid for in B. C. shares. Immediately the work of testing the Oro with diamond drills was started. Last Saturday J. S. C. Fraser, president, and Smith Christie, managing director, of the Denoro Mines, Ltd., closed the deal with the B. C. Copper people in Greenwood, by which the Oro will become the property of the B. C. Copper. This was just ten days before the expiration of the option. The price paid is not given out, but Mr. Christie, in a letter to Oro shareholders some time since, stated that they would receive about 50 per cent share for their holdings. It is understood now the B. C. Copper Co. finally made a counter offer, somewhat less than the option called for, and it was accepted.

Some weeks ago W. T. Hunter, of Greenwood, journeyed to Montreal and obtained an option on the B. C. mine in Summit camp, for a sum not given out, but understood to be about \$25,000. This week Mr. Hunter sold the option to the B. C. Copper Company, and on Wednesday Foreman Henry Johnson was sent to the mine with a crew of men to pump out the property, preparatory to examination by Frederick Keffer, engineer for the B. C. Copper Company. The B. C. group, in Summit camp, consists of nine full claims and two fractions, and at one time was one of the best known mines in the Boundary.

In Phoenix Camp, important deals in mines in the

Boundary district, especially around Phoenix camp, seem to be the order of the day. The latest is that of the Snowshoe group, which the Phoenix Pioneer is informed on what is considered the best authority, has been purchased by the C. P. R. This undoubtedly means the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company of Canada, the company which now owns and operates the War Eagle, Centre Star, Trail smelter and St. Eugene mines, under the capable management of Walter H. Aldridge. While details are not yet forthcoming as to terms of transfer of the Snowshoe property to the new owners, it is known that Geo. S. Waterlow, of London, England, vice-chairman of the Snowshoe Gold & Copper Mines, Ltd., the title of the English property owning the Snowshoe, is now on his way to British Columbia, to complete the transfer to the purchasers, and is expected to arrive in a few days.

In the Snowshoe group are four claims, the Snowshoe, Pleasant, Alma fraction and Fairplay fraction, which join the Granby and Dominion properties. The principal claim is the Snowshoe, and it is on this that most development has been done since its location in 1891. The property is equipped with a fine machinery plant and electric hoist, and has had more than 7,000 lineal feet of development done, including open cut and stripping operations. The main working shaft is down about 350 feet, and there is a large amount of ore broken down in the stopes, which can be taken out at any time. This has been estimated at 100,000 tons. There are good bunk and boarding houses, and three spurs from the C. P. R. to the property.

THE BOULEVARDING QUESTION DISCUSSED

Meeting Held in Vancouver Endorsed Principle that Cost Should Fall on Property.

A joint meeting of the Garden City Association and members of the Vancouver city council was held in the city hall on Wednesday evening to discuss schemes for the beautification of the streets. Mr. Gibson, the city controller, submitted the following estimate of the cost of boulevarding one mile of street on both sides in fair condition: Levelling and rounding, 50 cents; seeding, 38 cents; trees, \$1.92; and planting, 50 cents.

Mr. Gibson submitted a written report, which in part was as follows: "In considering the details of the work in connection with clearing, grading, seeding to grass, and tree planting of the city boulevards the problems are so varied as to make them almost indescribable in any off-hand fashion, as nearly every lot, and in some streets nearly every lot, requires some modification in treatment."

"Where cement curbs are not laid or plank curb, if curbs were not put in at once a great improvement could be made by prolonging to a line at the proper distance from the sidewalk and then clearing out the gutter. This cleaning and shaping the boulevard scheme, under the same inspector, but should be charged to the street department."

"The placing and planting of boulevard trees should be at the discretion of the boulevard inspector and the selection of the best varieties for the varying conditions of climate and location requires considerable attention and study. The haphazard planting hitherto in vogue will produce some awkward problems year by year. With a simple machine to clear out and shape the gutters outside the boulevard on the streets; another to open small drains on each side of the sidewalk; one or more rollers and large lawn mowers, and the boulevard inside and outside uniformly, I believe at the expense of up-keep would be but a fraction of what it now costs individual proprietors."

"It would also probably pay in residence portions of the city to put the street clearing under the same management as the boulevards, thus promoting uniformity and a sense of pride and responsibility in the appearance of the streets, which would be a constant benefit to the city. I think that by the aid of comparatively inexpensive machinery and systematic and good work, the streets and boulevards could be kept both neat and ornamental at no greater outlay than at present, when they are as they are."

"The money value of this condition of things can, I believe, scarcely be overestimated. Anyone who has bought or sold residence property knows how easily a difference of hundreds of dollars is made by its surroundings and appearance. A much smaller thing will often turn the scale when one is looking for a new place to settle, as so many are now doing, and we have had a number of our citizens in our march to the 100,000 limit."

George Webster gave some of his experiences in Winnipeg. There many of the streets were macadamised, planted with trees, and boulevards at the same time, and they were afterwards handed over to the charge of the park commissioners. The cost of maintenance there came out of the general taxes of the city, and everyone seemed well pleased with the arrangement. Men who were employed on the streets in this work in the summer, worked in hot-houses in the winter, preparing plants for use in the parks. He thought the same scheme would work out well here, though he considered Mr. Gibson's estimate of the cost rather low. Mr. Hanfield suggested that they might make a beginning by taking small sections of say three blocks at a time, where the people asked for it, and in the meantime the cost both of work and maintenance might be charged against the property affected. He was confident that if this were tried, it would in a short time become so popular that there would be a general demand for it, and it would become so general that the cost of maintenance could be provided for in the general taxes. He thought it would be necessary for the city council to superintend the work, because he knew of many people who had nice boulevards now, but others who owned property alongside spoiled the effect by allowing their boulevards to become overgrown with thistles and weeds.

DIG DREDGES FOR FAIR EXECUTIVE HARD AT WORK

Three Large Machines to Be Built For Yukon Consolidated Gold Field Company.

The C. P. R. wharves in James Bay are strewn with heavy timbers, and lumber shipments of which go north by almost every steamer leaving this port for Skagway. Enquiry about this building material elicited the information that it is all to be used in the construction of three large dredges to be used in the Yukon or its tributaries in extracting the gold from the beds of those waters. The timbers and lumber are being shipped by the Shawanigan Lumber Company, of this city, to the Yukon Consolidated Gold Field Company, of Dawson, in which the Guggenheims, of New York, are interested. These New York capitalists are just entering into the placer fields of Alaska, although having already extensive investments in British Columbia, Alaska and the Yukon. In all, it is stated, these represent \$19,000,000. The advent of the Guggenheims into placer mining of the north is being looked forward to with anticipation of great things. With three big dredges in operation the Yukon Consolidated Gold Field Company will certainly be capable of working an immense area of gold producing ground, and of adding materially to the precious metal yield of the Yukon. The dredges will be put together at Dawson, it is expected, as fast as the material reaches that city, and by next year should be ready for service. The timbers referred to, however, are the first sent north by the Shawanigan Lumber Company of this city. Two years ago material for a dredge was shipped north by the company. The plant was put together in a manner now proposed, and was worked during the past season.

MANY ORGANIZATIONS TO VISIT VICTORIA

September Busy Month for This City--Preparing to Entertain Dominion Trades Congress.

September promises to be a busy month for Victoria. Besides the annual exhibition under the auspices of the B. C. Agricultural Association there will be the annual convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress. They have selected the 15th of that month as the date for their gathering. A number of prominent labor leaders in the Old Country will be among those present. J. R. McDonald, of Leicester, England, having, among others, signified his intention to be present. Delegates will come from all parts of Canada, and members of the local Trades and Labor Council are engaged arranging a suitable programme for their entertainment while here. So far nothing definite has been decided upon, but many suggestions have been made, and it is expected, some action will be taken at the next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday evening.

WATER QUESTION IS STILL TO THE FORE

Surveyors are Busy in Highland Lake District--Report May Be Ready Next Week.

The water situation is gradually assuming definite shape. Full reports are available in reference to the possibilities of making use of Sooke lake and improving Elk lake sufficiently to increase the present water supply to the extent necessary to relieve the scarcity experienced every summer for some years to come. Surveyors are engaged in the Highland district. Providing the fair water continues and they are allowed to go on with their labor uninterrupted, it may be possible for them to submit, the result of their investigations to the authorities sometime early next week.

Seen this morning, His Worship Mayor Morley outlined the condition of affairs. He announced that all the information needed with regard to Elk lake was already available, while the Sooke proposition had practically been abandoned owing to the excessive expense attached to the undertaking. The Highland district scheme had by no means been thrown up as impossible. Surveyors were in the field with instructions to ascertain the extent of the water shed, look into the facilities for the construction of dams at points that have been mentioned as suitable for reservoirs, and, in fact, to include in their report full and reliable information on all the necessary details of the proposal.

Mayor Morley continuing, stated that he had been mentioned as suitable for reservoirs, and, in fact, to include in their report full and reliable information on all the necessary details of the proposal. An announcement of some interest to Victorians is made in this connection by Secretary Cuthbert. He states that the secretary of the Manufacturers' Association has volunteered to forward a list of the addresses of members of that organization in order that they may be forwarded letters from Victoria pointing out the industrial and other openings at this place. Advantage will be taken of the opportunity and the outcome, it is believed, cannot but be beneficial.

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ARRANGING FOR THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Premium Lists Will Be Ready For Distribution Early Next Month—Co-Operation Necessary.

Victoria's annual exhibition, which will be held this fall on the 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th of September, is already attracting considerable attention. The executive committee is exceedingly active, the members holding regular gatherings in order that the preliminaries may be properly attended to. In such a way as to ensure the success of the fair. In short the affairs are well in hand, and Secretary Smart's chief desire is that the general public display a practical interest in what is after all their exhibition by co-operating in every possible way in the effort to bring it to a gratifying issue.

The prize list has been revised, that having been one of the first matters undertaken by the committee in charge. They have cut out quite a number of the competitions which were not entered on the occasion of the last fair, and augmented the most popular classes to a considerable extent. Special attention has been paid to the horses, every inducement possible being given the breeders throughout the province to enter their prize stock at the Capital City exhibition. The premium booklet has been placed in the hands of the printer, and should be ready for distribution early next month. The work is being rushed because Secretary Smart realizes that the sooner possible exhibitors know the prizes and conditions the better, as they then are given more time to make preparations for their entry.

Of course it is yet a little premature to talk of the special attractions in connection with the fair. That is a feature which, as a general rule, is left until a month or so previous to the opening. The present executive, however, have adopted a somewhat different policy. They have appropriated the usual sum of money for horse races, agreeing that a Victoria show without these competitions would be, figuratively speaking, unseasoned dish. By making an early start they hope to be able to prepare a programme that will eclipse all previous efforts. As the committee, which has in charge the Victoria driving park track, have put it in, it is expected that the races of Saturday and Monday, and intend keeping it so throughout the season, no trouble will be experienced from that source. All that the executive will have to worry about is the securing of entries, and as the prizes are valuable, that it is safe to say, will not be a difficult matter.

According to Secretary Smart, canvassers are beginning to make the rounds of local merchants and business men for the purpose of collecting subscriptions. He hopes that the response will be as generous, and more signifi cant, than in previous years. It is pointed out that the finances are the vital point in the successful management of such a fair. Without ample funds, he says, it will be impossible to carry it out on the lines contemplated. Providing, however, every member of the community displays an active interest in the undertaking he is confident of making the fair a credit City of the British Columbia. Without support, it will be impossible, and he does not wish to start out heavily handicapped as a result of a poorly supported cause.

During the regime of R. H. Swinerton as secretary of the B. C. Agricultural Association, special attention was paid to the advertising of the Victoria fair not only throughout British Columbia, but in the states of Washington. This policy will be carried still farther this year. The premium lists and pamphlets that will be issued from time to time will be forwarded to every nook and corner in the province, special attention being paid to the agricultural districts. Upon the American side the endeavor will be made to interest the farmers in the fair because of the opportunity it will offer them of ascertaining the possibilities of their territory in their lines, and also pointing out to them the splendid entertainment to be found here on that occasion.

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